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1. Joint administrative board favored for Trieste--US Embassy
Rome comments favorably on the Department of State's suggestion concerning the creation of a joint US-British-Yugoslav administrative board for both zones of the Free Territory of Trieste. Expressing the view that Italian participation in such a board would seem to be essential, the Embassy observes that a joint board could not go beyond consultation because it would not be based on a specific treaty provision. The Embassy further remarks that such a board would suggest a reversal of the trend toward rigid separation of the two zones, which has alarmed the Italians, and would provide Italy and Yugoslavia with a potential means of discussing a final settlement of their differences.

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2. US concerned by Israeli reaction to internationalization plan--
The Department of State has expressed to US Embassy Tel Aviv its concern over Israel's reaction to the proposals of the Palestine Conciliation Commission (PCC) for a permanent international regime in Jerusalem. The Department, observing that the Israelis have apparently rejected these proposals without giving them thorough consideration, instructs the Embassy to point out to the Israeli Foreign Office that the PCC plan represents the Commission's considered views on the most practical approach to the problem of internationalizing Jerusalem. The Department expresses the hope that whatever objections the Israeli Government has will be presented to the General Assembly in a conciliatory spirit.

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